

Introduced by Senator FigueroaFebruary 15, 2005

An act to amend Section 7810 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to geologists and geophysicists.

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SB 228, as introduced, Figueroa. Board for Geologists and Geophysicists: sunset date.

Existing law, the Geologist and Geophysicist Act, provides for the regulation of geologists and geophysicists by the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists, in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Under existing law, the provisions creating the board will become inoperative on July 1, 2006, and will be repealed as of January 1, 2007.

This bill would extend to unspecified dates the dates on which these provisions are inoperative and repealed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7810 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 7810. The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists is within
- 4 the department and is subject to the jurisdiction of the
- 5 department. Except as provided in this section, the board shall
- 6 consist of eight members, five of whom shall be public members,
- 7 two of whom shall be geologists, and one of whom shall be a
- 8 geophysicist.

1 Each member shall hold office until the appointment and
2 qualification of the member's successor or until one year has
3 elapsed from the expiration of the term for which the member
4 was appointed, whichever occurs first. Vacancies occurring prior
5 to the expiration of the term shall be filled by appointment for the
6 remainder of the unexpired term.

7 Each appointment shall be for a four-year term expiring June 1
8 of the fourth year following the year in which the previous term
9 expired. No person shall serve as a member of the board for more
10 than two consecutive terms.

11 The Governor shall appoint three of the public members and
12 the three members qualified as provided in Section 7811. The
13 Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly
14 shall each appoint a public member, and their initial appointment
15 shall be made to fill, respectively, the first and second public
16 member vacancies that occurred on or after January 1, 1983.

17 At the time the first vacancy is created by the expiration of the
18 term of a public member appointed by the Governor, the board
19 shall be reduced to consist of seven members, four of whom shall
20 be public members, two of whom shall be geologists, and one of
21 whom shall be a geophysicist. Notwithstanding any other
22 provision of law, the term of that member shall not be extended
23 for any reason, except as provided in this section.

24 This section shall become inoperative on ~~July 1, 2006~~
25 _____, and, as of ~~January 1, 2007~~ _____, is repealed,
26 unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before
27 ~~January 1, 2007~~ _____, deletes or extends the dates on which
28 it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this section
29 renders the board subject to the review required by Division 1.2
30 (commencing with Section 473).